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Not the wilderness for Mr. Foot and his friends! They seek the limelight and power, and time is pressing for these middle-aged politicians thwarted by old men and threatened by a bunch of ambitious, up-and-coming yes-men . . . For the Bevanites the goal is political power, and if, and when, they occupy the government benches they will conduct affairs in much the same way as their predecessors. Their means—their tactic, is cunning and dangerous, for they appeal to, and pose as the real champions, of the common man. Yet when they should dare to voice their criticisms they will treat them as the "rabble" . . .

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Sabotage Campaign in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES is in a state of siege, proclaimed by the government last Friday and to last for 30 days. It covers the city and province areas, and follows a wave of sabotage incidents during the last fortnight. The majority of them were cases of cutting telephone and telegraph lines. There are also cases of lifting railway tracks blowing up oil pipelines and obstructing roads.

An official spokesman says, "These acts of sabotage have been directed from abroad, and the principal object is to isolate the provinces from the capital and at the same time hamper essential public services.

"Evidence of co-ordination is provided by the fact that there were seven separate acts of sabotage at 11 p.m. on October 1."

Under its new powers the Government arrested nearly 300 trade union leaders, who are believed to include Peronista agents. Arrest of meat workers' leaders was followed by announcement of a nation-wide packing-house strike unless they were released.

It was among the trade unions that the ex-dictator Peron had his power, and it is difficult to see what other influence can be strong enough among the Argentine workers today to find expression in such a determined campaign of sabotage as the present one appears to be.

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Union chief Gordon Sandison told the South African theatre chain arranging the tour that unless coloured people were allowed in to see "The Pajama Game" Equity members would not accept the engagement.

At this the South African firm, South African Consolidated Theatres, which has 140 theatres and is controlled by 20th Century-Fox of Hollywood, tried to get an American company to tour the show. But British Equity appealed to American Equity, who cabled back: "Our council unanimously endorses your stand."

So no "Pajama Game" for South Africa.

Incidentally, 20th Century-Fox is the studio which made "Island in the Sun", a film which, they claimed, broke the screen taboo on interracial romance (although Harry Belafonte did not go so far as to kiss Deborah Kerr!).

A 20th Century-Fox spokesman in London is reported as saying:

"We are not propagating a colour bar because our theatres in Africa are licensed only for European audiences.

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Increase in Postal Charges

THE latest increases in postal charges will mean an additional burden upon the running expenses of FREEDOM and Freedom Bookshop.

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Unfortunately the United States and the Soviet Union were in possession of the weapon and we were in danger of extermination as a consequence. *I would like to have the opportunity of exerting an influence on the policies of those countries.* But this [the Norwood motion] is not the way to do it."

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The Labour Party Conference at Brighton was, in fact, committed to evolving a programme that would *win votes* at the next election and not one of seeking to put forward a policy for the commonweal. With this end in mind the Executive soft-pedalled on Nationalisation and refused to taken an unequivocal stand against the H-bomb as an instrument of policy. Listen to one of Mr. Bevan's arguments for rejecting the Norwood motion:

Mr. Bevan said he was profoundly convinced that nothing would give more anxiety to many people who did not share their political views than if the British nation disengaged itself from its obligations and its influence in international affairs.

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The letter giving the Minister's decision recalls that a passport issued to Mr. Berrange, in London, was withdrawn in January, 1955, and that his application in 1956 for a South African passport had been refused.

Mr. Berrange's passport was with-drawn because he had used it for a journey to the Soviet Union and had given lectures on his experiences there when he returned to South Africa. Mr. Berrange is one of the many persons named under South Africa's Suppression of Communism Act.

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"Can there be revolving doors at the Ministry of Education? There must be! One side may be for our incoming Ministers, the other for our outgoing Ministers, with just time perhaps, for a Good Luck, Old Man."

When Lord Hailsham took over the Ministry from Sir David Eccles (who was known there as the Abominable Showman), he was going to be, according to the press, the dynamic organiser to make good the leeway in technical education. But no sooner had he rearranged his office furniture than he was succeeded by Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, who also thinks he is equipped for this task, since he was, "apparently the first Minister of Education ever to have been a science specialist at school". (Harrow, of course).

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one, and a hastily inserted note signed by the last Minister, but by the time it reached the public yet another Minister was exercising his dynamic leadership. And at his first public engagement, this indispensable character forgot his lines. He was supposed to be opening the new Brunel College of Technology at Acton, but after talking for twenty minutes, he sat down without having done so, and the embarrassed proposer of the vote of thanks could only say, "I thank the Minister for *intending* to declare this college open."

Nor is this unusual, for a few months ago his predecessor, eager beaver Hailsham, went to open a school at Ham in Middlesex and finished his speech without remembering what he had come for. It makes you think of the absent-minded royal lady who, presenting the cup at a prize day, threw it at the grand piano with the words, "I name this ship the *Empress of Britain*. May God bless all who sail in her."

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John Hewetson's booklet points out in fact how ineffective many reformist measures have proved. The problem has frequently appeared to be one of simple economics yet wage increases have seldom resulted in significant elevation of the standard of living on any large scale owing to concomitant price rises. Some slum clearance schemes have actually caused deterioration in health since the higher rents demanded for the improved housing left even less money for food. Raising school leaving age in the interests of education has resulted in increased economic hardship, particularly for large families. And there are numerous other similar examples.

The reforms usually act as palliatives, and may serve to tide the authorities over difficult periods, later only too often losing much of their effectiveness.

What condemns the capitalist form of authoritarian society in the eyes of other authoritarians, the Marxists, Fascists or other totalitarian subvarieties for example, is not its inhumanity but its economic inefficiency. Physical disease cripples man's activity and social usefulness and sometimes makes him a burden on society. By contrast a physically fit worker is capable of greater efforts, has a lower accident rate and takes less sick leave, on the whole a much sounder proposition. They are relearning the lessons of the poultry farmer.

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Categorical Imperative



THIS point is made very well in an article in the current issue of *The Twentieth Century* by Miss Jenny Nasmyth, who writes:

"The trouble with sober and highly organized units, whether they are societies or families, is that too many things become impossible for them. They are inhibited—by the danger of establishing a precedent, by fear of the exception that might prove the rule, by a secret belief in the validity of the Categorical Imperative . . . The final answer of bureaucracy or the central government to any awkward proposal is: 'I agree that in your case it would do no harm . . . but what would happen if everybody else did it?' If officialdom were left to itself, it would, with the best will in the world, use this argument until everything had ground to a standstill. This is why we need gadflies, and this is why their influence is out of all proportion to their status . . . The impossible is shown to be possible, the necessary evil is exposed as unnecessary, the logical answer is made to look silly. Given the prevailing conditions, physical and intellectual, of work inside the official organs of government, this must now be done mainly from the outside."

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to sign a form admitting the theft, promising to pay, and not to return to the shop. On hearing this, the Chairman of the sessions said:

"I should have thought a document of that sort was a particularly pernicious one. If someone breaks into a house, gets caught and says, 'Here is the swag I have taken: I will sign to say I will not come back again', a pretty kettle of fish would ensue."

Later Foyles explained:

"We use these forms for the sake of kindness. The vast majority of our customers are students, teachers, clergymen, and other professional people, and Miss Christina Foyle, who suggested the idea, did not want to take them to court and ruin their careers. Very often it is a low price book that is involved. On the other hand, we do not want people who have taken books hanging round here."

But why was the Chairman so furious? Does he object, for instance, to the policy of the NSPCC which only prosecutes as a last resort, and then regards doing so as a confession of failure? There are two reasons in the eyes of the law why an agreement not to prosecute is regarded with disfavour. The first is that such an agreement can amount to the offences of 'misprison of a felony' or 'compounding a felony', and the second is the dubious nature of a confession which is 'induced by any promise of favour or fear of prejudice'. Plenty of instances of police malpractices revolve around the second objection, which is certainly a valid one.



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The moral to mankind, obsessed by ideas of economic efficiency, increasing production and reducing costs, should be obvious.

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IT does not seem likely that this was uppermost in the minds of the Magistrates' Association in its recent protest to the Home Office about Liverpool's scheme for dealing with juvenile offenders, so much as the fact that the scheme, like Foyle's system, dispenses with the services of the magistrate, and "avoids the normal procedure of a hearing and determination by a court". Reading between the lines of the Magistrates' Association report, says Robert Kee, who investigated the scheme for the *Sunday Times*, "one might expect to find the chief constable of Liverpool a cross between Governor Faubus and General Serov". What he found in fact was "a large, affable, intelligent man of reforming views" who declares "It is recovery we want, not punishment". What his system consists of is the employment of 'specially selected'

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cient method of poultry-farming and that
all poultry farmers will soon have to
adopt it in order to compete economic-
ally. It requires a minimum of space
and labour and results in the highest
egg and flesh output per hen. At the
age of six months, when laying starts,
each hen is placed into a wire-mesh cell,
barely large enough to accommodate it.
Rows of these cells, one on top of the
other, are kept in a single room. A
moving belt passes under each row of
cells in order to collect the droppings
and deposit them in bins at the end of
each row. The cell floors slope so that
when each egg is laid it rolls forward
into a cup, ready to be collected. Seed
and mash are carried on another con-
veyor belt past each cell while fresh
water flows past in a long trough, all
within easy reach of the birds. The room
is maintained at constant temperature
and ultra-violet lamps replace sunshine
during summer and winter. The hens
simply feed and lay their eggs. The
poor layers are soon revealed by their
empty cups and are despatched as "young
roasters" to the poultry shops. The
efficient hens are kept in their cells for
one year and then, when their laying
rate begins to slow down, are taken out
and slaughtered. By this time the next

batch of six-months-olds is ready. I
am told that battery hens are fat, con-
tented and lay well. The egg-yolks are
usually paler than those of free-range
hens but no significant fall-off in quality
has yet been demonstrated. But the
crowning triumph has only recently been
announced. An American has at last
succeeded in developing a species of hen
which requires no plucking. It is com-
pletely featherless. Apart from the fact
that it may feel the cold more it is said
to be equal to ordinary hens in all other
respects. The economic horizons of
poultry-farming are indeed extending.

The moral to mankind, obsessed by
ideas of economic efficiency, increasing
production and reducing costs, should be
obvious.

(To be continued)

EXHIBITION

A Subtle Sense of the Wacky

**ZEV at Arthur Jeffress (Pic-
tures) 28 Davies Street Lon-
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IN the square mile or so west of Bond
Street, where there are so many pic-
ture shops with names like The So-and-
So Gallery (or Collection or Society) or
Someone-or-other *et frere*, the name of
Arthur Jeffress (Pictures) is outstanding
for its honesty; and there is something
pleasantly useful, too, about the kind of
work this dealer has offered for sale
recently. There is too much "Gallery
Painting" done these days. Too many
artists, including some very talented
ones, work with no particular purpose in
mind, beyond a vague idea that their
stuff might be bought for some public
or private museum and *admired* by
people who have gone specially to see
it. The Jeffress artists, on the other
hand, seem to want their work to be
used in decorating homes and pubs and
workplaces, where people can live with
it and enjoy it.

Do not misunderstand me. I do not
mean the pictures and sculptures sold by
Jeffress are bad or corny or slushy like
the junk which decorates a lot of homes
and pubs. They are all up to the stan-
dard of at least the average gallery
paintings, and they are of many styles
and subjects; but they have also a de-
corative quality, a bright liveliness that
makes them worthy of house-space and
not just collection-space.

The current exhibition at Jeffress's
gallery (until October 25) is a one-man
show of "Paintings, Etchings and Sculp-

ture by ZEV". A note in the catalogue
informs us that Zev is Dan Harris, a
former Professor of Fine Arts and Archi-
tecture at New York University; but
there is nothing pedantic-looking about
his work. Rather, it reminds one of
child art.

There is, for instance, a painted wood-
en tower with a keyhole-shaped glass
window through which one can see a
cut-out plywood head: exactly what a
child might construct of cardboard and
cellophane. His heads are earless, with
the face in profile and one eye looking
straight at you, and his birds fly on
single feathers. But the technique of
his painting and etching and modelling
is that of a highly skilled adult, and his
bright colour-schemes are not those of
a child, but rather those of a sophis-
ticated artist who intends his paintings to
brighten the rooms they are hung in.

His humour is very sophisticated too.
The first time you see his productions (I
use the word "you" in the egoistic sense,
naturally) you are conscious of a vague
sense of fun; the second time you see
them the fun is the most striking thing
about them. It is a humour rather like
Paul Klee's, quite impossible to describe
in words. If one mentions, for instance,
a pair of bronze candlesticks in the form
of horses with quarter-moons for heads,
or a painting of a stick man releasing a
bird, one, fails to say what is funny
about them. They are not cartoons or
illustrations of jokes, but there is a subtle
sense of the wacky that makes one smile
delightedly at every piece in the show.

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The 'Sagacity' of the Hon. Mr. Bevan, P.C.

Continued from p. 1

There are many people in this country who would feel great anxiety if Mr. Bevan were to become Prime Minister. Does Mr. Bevan consider this a valid argument for retiring from the political arena? We hardly think so. Then why does he show concern for those who "do not share our political views", etc. . . if not because he and his colleagues are themselves "anxious" to get their votes at the next elections?

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a timetable of its journeyings through space as precise as anything one can find in the columns of a Bradshaw timetable—and with this subtle difference, that the earth satellite has been running to time! All the romance of a Simplon-Orient Express timetable is now lost as we look through the schedule for the Blip-Express for October 7:

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A new dimension has been added to human imagination!

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THE Russians have warned the world to expect "something extra special" on November 7, the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. Perhaps we shall be forgiven if, in the special circumstances, we hazard a guess as to what this "something" will be. The Russians are out to dominate the world of the spirit! On November 8th they will launch an earth satellite into which they will have placed Lenin's embalmed corpse plus recordings of his collected works, or rather, since these earth satellites move so fast, recording of his greatest dictums, in every language on the satellite's route. And mankind which has been waiting for two thousand years to hear the voice of "God" will for all time be able to tune in to the voice of "Lenin", and with the knowledge that somewhere in the firmament His embalmed body is watching over every one of His children; not metaphorically speaking but a visible reality . . . 05.28 over Calcutta, 06.30 over Guatemala, 06.37 over Washington . . . (Russian Time of course).

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"H'm,"—says Michael as he approaches the office mirror, jaw thrust forward, chest expanded to capacity—"and why not?"

Speculations on Another Satellite

GOODNESS knows what are the military implications of the successful launching of a Russian earth satellite which is, as we write these lines, "blipping" merrily along on its fortieth circuit of the earth. We leave such speculations to the military pundits—though in passing it is noteworthy that in the United States there is, according to the *Observer's* correspondent, already such "public concern" that it is "likely to affect radically the defence-cutting programme", which just goes to show that armaments are still just as much a vested interest for some as they are supposed to be the "only deterrent" for others.

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MORE seriously, we would endorse what Mr. Nehru had to say about the satellite, at his news conference in Tokyo last week:

He suggested that it was a fantastic situation when such advances came in a world still conducting its politics in "Stone Age terms"—a world of "military alliances, armament races, and threats of war."

He did not think the launching of the satellite would affect the world situation, except to make people think of the "absurdity of war and military forces". The gap between scientific advance and the state of society "shows our inability to adjust to the age we live in. Psychologically and mentally we still live in a past age."—*Reuter*.

But we shall only live in the present when the Mr. Nehrus—that is the politicians—the industrialists and financiers, get off our backs and mankind can stand up and take in for itself what is going on in the world. Then perhaps we may even get the scientists on our side . . .

And as the satellite train leaves our planet with every seat occupied by the political, military, religious and industrial leaders of the world in search of new dominions (and unaware that the transmitters have been jammed and the mechanism for their safe return to this planet sabotaged), science will have cleared the way for that most exciting of all experiments, which can only be carried out on this earth, by you, me and the next man: the search for the "elixir" of human happiness!

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police officers as "Juvenile Liaison Officers", who fulfil rather similar supervisory functions to those of probation officers, but without taking the children to court. The two main advantages Mr. Kee found in the system are firstly that it is "saving many boys who are not, and never will be, real criminals, from having a 'criminal record', and secondly and most important, it is doing a job of crime prevention which the courts are incapable of doing". The success of the system he infers from the figures. The percentage of juvenile offenders with 'previous history' appearing again before the Liverpool court in 1956 was 48.1 per cent. The percentage of those dealt with by the J.L.O. scheme who have committed further offences by the end of 1956 (five years) was 8.4 per cent.

Mr. Kee stresses the libertarian objections to the scheme, but concludes that the Magistrates' fears, "though justifiable in principle, were quite beside the point" and that "the orthodox system of dealing with juvenile offenders as practised in most of the rest of the country is unsatisfactory".

Its real offence, like that of Miss Foyle's 'pernicious' form, is that it cuts across the Official Way of Doing Things. Put 'em in the dock, say the magistrates. Refuse them registration, says the Ministry. Make it conform, says the Town-Planning Committee. For the voice of authority has a very limited range. Like Jehovah, it either says *Thou Shalt* or *Thou Shalt Not*. C.W.

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That a slump in progress is undeniable. The new list for non-payment of fines at the Queen's Bench Division.

FREEDOM

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ruling class. The best they could do in the circumstances was to become the ruling class themselves. Now, once established, any ruling class seeks to maintain its position. It does this by oppressing those who seek its downfall and by giving privileges to those who support it. In this manner parliamentary socialists failed to produce true socialism...

"I do not propose to go into what happened in Russia (and this is not because it meets with my approval). Basically the result was the same. Namely the new rulers are as reactionary as the old.

"I think of the capitalist system as if it were a tree. A little judicious pruning (as done by parliamentary socialists) does no harm. To kill it you must destroy the roots. These are property, money and their supporting side shoots among which are the State, Parliament, the armed forces, prison, etc.

"Until these go you won't have a hope of getting the freedoms I have mentioned—and this state of affairs can only be brought about by the direct action of the working class.

"A person who advocates these changes is usually called an anarchist."

ITEMS IN BRIEF

VATICAN DISMISSALS

Canon Colomb, director of the Centre National Catéchistique, the Abbé Courdeau, director of the Institut Supérieur Catéchistique of Paris, and Mlle. Dinjon, director of the centre for Christian education of young children, were recently relieved of their posts by order of the Vatican for refusing to teach the doctrine of original sin to young children.

—*Times Educational Supplement*, (4/10/57).

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IN his annual report, the chief school medical officer for Nottinghamshire, says (according to the *Manchester Guardian* for 21/8/57) that the children in his care have worse teeth to-day than in 1931, a year of depression and poverty. Of 22,000 children examined last year just over 91 per cent. were found to have dental defects requiring treatment. The scheme for routine dental care, he says, instead of pursuing the primary aim of preserving teeth, has become instead an emergency service for the alleviation of pain and sepsis.

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cases are awaiting trial compared with 810 at the same time last year and 2,113 in September, 1954. This is sufficient cause for investigation.

—*Manchester Guardian*.

SACCO & VANZETTI AND THE SALEM WITCHES

The Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston have before them requests, made on the 30th anniversary of the execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, for clearing the record of the charges against them "as has been done in the case of the so-called Salem witches." Sacco and Vanzetti were executed Aug. 23, 1927, on charges of holdup and murder, but world opinion has held since their arrest in 1919 that they were victimized for their radical beliefs.

A standing offer of sculptor Gutzon Borglum, made ten years ago, has been renewed to place his bas relief sculpture of the two men in Boston Common. The sculpture bears the sentence from one of Vanzetti's letters from prison:

"What I wish more than all else in this last hour of agony is that our case and our fate be understood in their real being and serve as a tremendous lesson to the forces of freedom so that our suffering and death will not have been in vain."

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" . . . we do believe that there ought to be a change, and that it should be in the direction of more freedom and not more coercion. That is where we are opposed to every theory of authoritarian communism and socialism; for they would rivet more or less firmly the chains of coercion on human spirit, just as we are opposed to the present system, which is based upon coercion".

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police officers as "Juvenile Liaison Officers", who fulfil rather similar supervisory functions to those of probation officers, but without taking the children to court. The two main advantages Mr. Kee found in the system are firstly that it is "saving many boys who are not, and never will be, real criminals, from having a 'criminal record', and secondly and most important, it is doing a job of crime prevention which the courts are incapable of doing". The success of the system he infers from the figures. The percentage of juvenile offenders with 'previous history' appearing again before the Liverpool court in 1956 was 48.1 per cent. The percentage of those dealt with by the J.L.O. scheme who have committed further offences by the end of 1956 (five years) was 8.4 per cent.

Mr. Kee stresses the libertarian objections to the scheme, but concludes that the Magistrates' fears, "though justifiable in principle, were quite beside the point" and that "the orthodox system of dealing with juvenile offenders as practised in most of the rest of the country is unsatisfactory".

Its real offence, like that of Miss Foyle's 'pernicious' form, is that it cuts across the Official Way of Doing Things. Put 'em in the dock, say the magistrates. Refuse them registration, says the Ministry. Make it conform, says the Town-Planning Committee. For the voice of authority has a very limited range. Like Jehovah, it either says *Thou Shalt* or *Thou Shalt Not*. C.W.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

VATICAN DISMISSALS

Canon Colomb, director of the Centre National Catéchistique, the Abbé Courdeau, director of the Institut Supérieur Catéchistique of Paris, and Mlle. Dinjon, director of the centre for Christian education of young children, were recently relieved of their posts by order of the Vatican for refusing to teach the doctrine of original sin to young children.

—*Times Educational Supplement*, (4/10/57).

MORE BAD TEETH

IN his annual report, the chief school medical officer for Nottinghamshire, says (according to the *Manchester Guardian* for 21/8/57) that the children in his care have worse teeth to-day than in 1931, a year of depression and poverty. Of 22,000 children examined last year just over 91 per cent. were found to have dental defects requiring treatment. The scheme for routine dental care, he says, instead of pursuing the primary aim of preserving teeth, has become instead an emergency service for the alleviation of pain and sepsis.

A report on the situation in London in the *British Dental Journal* for September 17 tells a similar story. The number of caries-free children for every hundred has declined: in 1950 22.2 per cent. of the new school entries were caries-free. In 1956 only one five-year-old out of 70 children was caries-free.

LET'S CALL IT OFF

The new law year begins to-day (Oct. 1). As the courts reassemble to tackle the list of cases awaiting trial, barristers will be ruefully surveying a decline in the volume of litigation, particularly over the last eighteen months.

That a slump in litigation is in progress is undeniable . . . The reader of the new list for non-jury actions in the Queen's Bench Division will note that 555

cases are awaiting trial compared with 810 at the same time last year and 2,113 in September, 1954. This is sufficient cause for investigation.

—*Manchester Guardian*.

SACCO & VANZETTI AND THE SALEM WITCHES

The Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston have before them requests, made on the 30th anniversary of the execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, for clearing the record of the charges against them "as has been done in the case of the so-called Salem witches." Sacco and Vanzetti were executed Aug. 23, 1927, on charges of holdup and murder, but world opinion has held since their arrest in 1919 that they were victimized for their radical beliefs.

A standing offer of sculptor Gutzon Borglum, made ten years ago, has been renewed to place his bas relief sculpture of the two men in Boston Common. The sculpture bears the sentence from one of Vanzetti's letters from prison:

"What I wish more than all else in this last hour of agony is that our case and our fate be understood in their real being and serve as a tremendous lesson to the forces of freedom so that our suffering and death will not have been in vain."

The proposals for vindication of Sacco and Vanzetti were made by Aldino Felicani, Boston printer, and newspaperman Gardner Jackson, original organizers of the Sacco-Vanzetti defence in the 20's.

—*National Guardian* (Chicago) 9/9/57.

[Readers are reminded that *The Witches of Salem*, the French film based on Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* (reviewed in *FREEDOM* 7/9/57) is still showing at the Academy Cinema, London].

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

What Do We Mean to New Readers?

I WAS on holiday and missed the topicality of the bouquets and brickbats hurled at the gay dodgy head of P.S. May I fight my way through the gang pulling him to bits?

The editorial reply (24/8/57) to my letter explained the causes of the strikers' violence, and was a corrective to the impression I got from the original article, i.e. that FREEDOM approved of it. I was content to have drawn out the admission that this was not so.

With more courage N.H. has stated his opinion of the strikers' tactics, and his refusal to excuse, approve or condone hooliganism. I agree with him. Whether this is a moral judgment or not, I don't know. My feeling is not of blind condemnation, but of deep sorrow, that an organisation that men brought forth in brotherhood and victimisation and suffering, should in these days stoop to such stupid, mean and vicious actions.

P.S. seems to think I condemn others; and that unless I take up the line of absolute pacifism I should not do so. Brother, I am not condemning; I am lamenting! I lamented every time I drove by the ruins of Cassino—should I not have done so, because I was in soldier's uniform? I lamented when I heard of Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, and Bikini Atoll, and the Marshall Islands and Xmas Island and . . . Am I wrong to do so, because I 'fought' in the war? (The only fighting I did was against an Englishman, in a boxing-ring).

Maybe this is again irrelevant to P.S., but it isn't to me. I joined the army with a C.P. membership card, and had my identity discs inscribed 'atheist'. From the C.P. I got lots of a-moral, objective analyses of events, but from the Church Huts and Canteens, in many places, I got food and fags and books, when they were badly needed. I slid out of the C.P., and I didn't 'jine the kirk', but I realised what a big word humanity is, compared with dialectical—or any other kind of—materialism.

This discussion may be of value if we don't lose sight of each other behind heaps of split words. To me, P.S. makes an important point when he says "Much of the editorial writing in FREEDOM assumes a certain attitude in our readership and a degree of understanding of our own attitude." For the sake of brevity this is helpful, but how does it affect new readers? Do you ever look at FREEDOM with the kindergarten eyes of a new reader? That's what I did with the article that started all this palaver.

And this is why: I am in daily contact with people whose education ended when they left school; who get angry when I disagree with their opinions; whose opinions are usually based on old fallacies and head-line reading; whose chief end in life is to keep in with the boss and work for him until death do them part. They are nice people, in their way, and there are times of pleasure and even co-operation between us, but there is no development of our relationship—no real trust, openness, sincerity; no increase of knowledge and self-knowledge through mental intercourse; no real mutual social life between us.

I don't mean that they should think as I do about books, art, life—I mean they should think. But the logic of words doesn't touch them—not my words. Nothing will convince them that building houses is really more important than making H-bombs. The fact that we are spending £4 million every day on destruction they dismiss with a shrug; they think it's necessary.

These are your new readers; these are the people you have to get to; spell out the ABC for them, and they might learn to read. It's no use appealing for new readers, you have to win them. It may sound silly to you, but the front page of FREEDOM would shock the people I live among, and if I urged them to read it, I would lose what ground I've made

with them. This is the problem of propaganda, and unless you can do something new and original about it, I'm afraid things will just bumble along as before.

Am I asking for the moon? Well, I wouldn't have mentioned it if I hadn't thought it worth while.
Peebles.

G.G.

Who are the Men of Violence?

TO effuse even more profusely, who said the Spanish Anarcho-Syndicalists achieved something? Where are they now?

And you were lucky when you used your right arm on that platform. The chances were that you would have been "done"—and out of action for weeks!

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Breaking windows my foot!

Slough.

ERNIE CROSSWELL.

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Personalities on Television

WE have just acquired a television set—as a gift I might add—and I have been watching 'Youth Wants to Know' in which Wolf Mankowitz was asked questions by Grammar School youths who obviously felt he used art as a means for making money, and like all cheap snobs looked down their noses at him for being a success. Now what prompts this note is that in the short period I have become a television addict I have been amazed, in the programmes used as a journalistic medium, how

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Politically speaking—in the first issue of Panorama, Chris Chataway interviewed a number of Conservatives who had voted Liberal in the recent by-election. Nine time out of ten they fumbled for words trying to express the rights of individuals and how fed up they were with the State taking over these rights. They weren't in fact pro-liberal but anti-government whether Conservative or Socialist, not realising, shame on their innocence, that Liberal would be no different. At least this was a step in the right direction but unfortunately there was no one by to give them a gentle shove one step nearer to the point of not voting at all.

In to-night's programme I found the discussion intensely interesting, especially Mr. Mankowitz's struggle to remain honest to himself. Many of the ideas he expressed could have come from the Anarchist platform in Hyde Park although I felt, often he merely gave a hint of ideas which needed hammering home if they were to come across to his audience. He wasn't courageous enough. For example in discussing Religion taught in schools he was definite enough in stating he thought it wrong to teach religion but when a sanctimonious 17-year-old asked in a superior voice, surely the Christian Doctrine of 'Love thy neighbour' ought to be taught, Mr. Mankowitz merely pointed out that he felt other Doctrines such as Buddhism should also be explained. What a golden opportunity this would have been to an anarchist speaker faced with a similar audience! Any Anarchist would have grabbed it to

point out the hypocrisy of teaching a doctrine of Love in the schools and then condoning conscription which forces young men, the same age as this audience, to go out and murder their fellow men.

Mr. Mankowitz did successfully get across many points on the rights of the individual to his creative medium but in the same fashion as I remember A. S. Neill once faced with a hostile medical school audience. The speakers' manner being so simple, honest and lacking in the actor's manner as not to come across the footlights. He did make many statements which were a joy to hear on TV such as 'I feel that the State should interfere as little as possible with the rights of the individual'.

Another interesting point in the programmes on personalities is how obvious the insincerity and mumbo-jumbo of the politicians becomes. Recently we have seen Lord Hailsham, Governor Faubus, the Liberal leader and the Leader of the Communist party in Great Britain. It's quite unbelievable how pat they are and how smug. In contrast, figures such as A. S. Neill, Kenneth Tynan trying to make some money in the 64,000 question, Wolf Mankowitz, Donald Soper, all come across as 'big' people with a humi-

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After two weeks of addiction I am becoming deeply frustrated because of the need for an Anarchist bystander standing ready to pup up on the screen like the advertisements and say 'You see, that's the man you gave power to' or 'Those children are given freedom to live, aren't they obviously better human beings than the Grammar School prigs?' and so on—at least three times a day! Can't we buy Advertisement space for this sort of thing? Perhaps just one caustic comment a day?

Bromley.

J. SIMON.

Anarchists to Appear on T.V.

OUR correspondent's wish is almost to be granted. At any rate a programme is to be devoted to Anarchism in the series OUT OF STEP* appearing on ITV at 10.30 on WEDNESDAYS.

Films have been made of two of our comrades, Rita Milton and Alan Albon. Rita was filmed on the Platform in Hyde Park and subsequently interviewed, and Alan (one of the founders of 'Communitas') was interviewed discussing anarchist responsibility as expressed in per-

*Funny, we thought we were the only ones in step!

sonal life.

The programme is only 15 mins. long, so comrades should not expect too much, but the treatment is sympathetic and the programme should be worth watching. 'Out of Step' is the programme on which A. S. Neill appeared, and it has also shown programmes on Nudism and Scientology. (For all we know it may be referred to at Television House as 'Cranks Quarter'!)

This will be Rita Milton's second appearance on TV, for a year ago, in a programme on Hyde Park, she and John Bishop made brief appearances.

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Warsaw Riots Make Us Remember Hungary

IN Warsaw, crowds are rioting. Fol-
lowing the Government's ban
upon the students' paper *Po Prostu*,
students began demonstrating and
were met by tear gas, baton charges
and rifle shots from the militia.

Ever since the disturbances of last
year, Poland has enjoyed more free-
dom of expression than any other
Communist country, but now
Gomulka obviously feels strong
enough to begin to clamp down in
the interest of monolithic unity. It
should never be forgotten that, al-
though for appearances sake and in
order to prevent popular discontent
going 'too far' Gomulka was brought
back to power, and has been allowed
to put up a facade of independence
from Moscow, Poland is still a
Communist country, it is still in the
Moscow orbit, and freedom of ex-
pression and a Communist govern-
ment go ill together.

Po Prostu had a circulation of
150,000, with a strong influence in
the Union of Socialist Youth. It
described itself as 'Left Wing', and
freely criticised the government in a
way that Gomulka can no longer
tolerate.

The Warsaw riots are a reminder
of the events of last Autumn, when
the Hungarian students were shot
down while demonstrating peaceably
outside the radio station in Buda-
pest. Then events led to a full
scale revolution, with features which
gave tremendous encouragement to
freedom lovers everywhere as the
people showed themselves once
again capable of organising society
not only without the State, but in
the face of ruthless attack by the
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Hungary was crushed, but the
effect those few weeks of revolt had
upon the world will never be for-
gotten. The effect upon the Com-
munist parties of the West has been
to shake them to the foundations to
an extent from which they will never
recover, and the Hungarian people
demonstrated with no shadow of
contradiction that a modern tyranny
can be challenged by the people,
and that the desire for freedom can-
not be crushed out of mind even by
the conditioning power of a modern
totalitarian state.

For anarchists in particular the
lessons of Hungary should not be
allowed to sink out of sight. The
role played by America, which en-
couraged revolt for years through its
'Free Europe' radio stations, only

to sit back and allow the people to
be crushed when they rose up,
showed that people are thought of
only as a means to an end in the
power struggle. On the role of Rus-
sia, nothing further needs to be said
of its imperialist character.

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struggle, the International Anarchist
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the Anarcho-Syndicalists did) the next in
your argument, we shall get nowhere.
Break as many windows as you like:
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people killing you—you are not a man
of violence by that standard. The men
of violence of to-day can be recognised
—they carry weapons that are made to
kill or seriously injure. These people,
even if they are Anarchists or Free-
thinkers or Individualists (i.e. not insti-
tutionalised) are men of violence.

Breaking windows my foot!

Slough.

ERNIE CROSSWELL.

P.S.—I am hoping my remarks about
Unions will receive criticism—if I'm
mixed up I would like to be straightened
out.—E.C.

'THE GREAT KINSHIP'

CAN anyone loan us a copy of the
pamphlet *The Great Kinship* by
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lity and humanity completely lacking in
the politicians.

After two weeks of addiction I am
becoming deeply frustrated because of
the need for an Anarchist bystander
standing ready to pup up on the screen
like the advertisements and say 'You
see, that's the man you gave power to'
or 'Those children are given freedom to
live, aren't they obviously better human
beings than the Grammar School prigs?'
and so on—at least three times a day!
Can't we buy Advertisement space for
this sort of thing? Perhaps just one
caustic comment a day?

Bromley.

J. SIMON.

freely criticised the government in a
way that Gomulka can no longer
tolerate.

The Warsaw riots are a reminder
of the events of last Autumn, when
the Hungarian students were shot
down while demonstrating peaceably
outside the radio station in Buda-
pest. Then events led to a full
scale revolution, with features which
gave tremendous encouragement to
freedom lovers everywhere as the
people showed themselves once
again capable of organising society
not only without the State, but in
the face of ruthless attack by the
State.

Hungary was crushed, but the
effect those few weeks of revolt had
upon the world will never be for-
gotten. The effect upon the Com-
munist parties of the West has been
to shake them to the foundations to
an extent from which they will never
recover, and the Hungarian people
demonstrated with no shadow of
contradiction that a modern tyranny
can be challenged by the people,
and that the desire for freedom can-
not be crushed out of mind even by
the conditioning power of a modern
totalitarian state.

For anarchists in particular the
lessons of Hungary should not be
allowed to sink out of sight. The
role played by America, which en-
couraged revolt for years through its
'Free Europe' radio stations, only

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"IF the Executive Committee had asked me to get up and support the hydrogen bomb"—Bevan told the Delegates—"I would have refused". Indeed had he not "probably made more speeches to more people condemning the bomb" than anyone present? He was as "strongly against it as ever". So nobody should misunderstand him. Firstly the Party was committed, if returned to power, to "take the initiative in suspending tests". But it was one thing to give a lead to the other Powers by a unilateral suspension of tests, and quite another if this country were to scrap its stocks of nuclear weapons or have nothing to do with those countries, allies as well

wood motion were accepted "It would place a British Foreign Secretary in diplomatic purdah" (which is just as well if Mr. Bevan was also being sent "naked into the conference chamber"). Mr. Bevan's preoccupation with the Foreign Secretary's political attire—or lack of it—read in conjunction with the following extract from the report of his speech:

Mr. Bevan here interrupted his main theme to say that some of the newspapers had interpreted some of his recent actions as being dominated by nothing but a desire to be Foreign Secretary himself, and when someone from the hall cried "Hear, hear" to this he said: "That is a pretty bitter thing to say about me. I would never do anything I did not believe in."

reveals a personal concern with his own power, and his place in history, in the event of a Labour victory at the next elections. It is quite clear, in spite of his denials, that Mr.

hage of convenience between am-
itious, ruthless, vain men and women.
One cannot better describe the
atmosphere than did James Cam-
eron in his report on the Conference
in last Friday's *News Chronicle*
when he wrote of the Executive:

from the councils of State on the
tribune came the quiet rasping sound of
axes being ground, the gentle sigh of
knives being delicately inserted into
backs.

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THE arguments used by Mr. Bevan for rejecting the Norwood motion for unilateral abolition of the H-bomb were no more original than those advanced by the Tories or by Mr. Churchill when he announced to the House more than two years ago that Britain was working on the H-bomb. Compare Mr. Churchill's:

"Personally I cannot feel that we should have much influence over their [the United States'] policy or action, wise or unwise, while we are largely depen-

The Struggle Against Segregation Equity Boycott for South Africa

THE actors' trade union, Equity, has put a ban upon British actors and actresses going to South Africa if they have to perform before segregated audiences. Equity policy forbids its members to appear in any theatre where the colour-bar is in operation, and it has put its ban into operation on a company which was to tour South Africa in the American musical "The Pajama Game".

Union chief Gordon Sandison told the South African theatre chain arranging the tour that unless coloured people were allowed in to see "The Pajama Game" Equity members would not accept the engagement.

At this the South African firm, South African Consolidated Theatres, which has 140 theatres and is controlled by 20th Century-Fox of Hollywood, tried to get an American company to tour the show. But British Equity appealed to American Equity, who cabled back: "Our council unanimously endorses your stand."

So no "Pajama Game" for South Africa.

Incidentally, 20th Century-Fox is the studio which made "Island in the Sun", a film which, they claimed, broke the screen taboo on inter-racial romance (although Harry Belafonte did not go so far as to kiss Deborah Kerr!).

A 20th Century-Fox spokesman in London is reported as saying:

"We are not propagating a colour bar because our theatres in Africa are licensed only for European audiences."

"That is a problem of govern-

ment. We can't do anything about it."

But Equity is to be congratulated on showing something different. Something can be done by all those who have something that South Africa wants, and action by entertainers has the very important effect of being immediately noticeable by the people (of all races) in South Africa.

The "Pajama Game" incident is not the first. Band leader Johnny Dankworth has refused to make a second tour of South Africa following his realisation during his first tour that he was playing to segregated audiences.

Dankworth and Humphrey Lyttleton, with their bands, are playing at the Festival Hall, London, on Tuesday, October 15th, in a jazz concert in aid of the South African Treason Trial Defence Fund, organised by Christian Action. They are giving their services free, and other musicians and singers have promised to drop in during the evening.

Increase in Postal Charges

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Treason Trial Counsel Refused Passport

THE South African Nationalist Government's Minister of the Interior, Dr. Donges, has, according to a report in last Sunday's *Observer*, refused to issue a passport to Mr. Vernon Berrange, one of the leading defence counsels in the treason trial.

When the defence applied for a long adjournment of the preliminary examination early last month, one of the chief reasons they advanced was that Mr. Berrange had to visit England and the United States to interview witnesses.

The letter giving the Minister's decision recalls that a passport issued to Mr. Berrange, in London, was withdrawn in January, 1955, and that his application in 1956 for a South African passport had been refused.

Mr. Berrange's passport was withdrawn because he had used it for a journey to the Soviet Union and had given lectures on his experiences there when he returned to South Africa. Mr. Berrange is one of the many persons named under South Africa's Suppression of Communism Act.

In a letter to the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Berrange says that application for a passport was made, not for personal reasons, but "to ensure that the persons I am representing at the trial are not deprived of witnesses who may be vital for the defence." The Government, he added, seemed unmindful of his clients' interest even to the extent of withholding an elementary right from them.

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fifth wheel of the coach, and considered it wise to resign *en bloc* to draw the attention of the education authority to their opinion that they had outlived their usefulness". A welcome exception to Godwin's contention that "all public establishments include in them the idea of permanence". Not of course that the Minister has any idea of permanence either. He is simply sitting in Curzon Street waiting for his promotion to come through.

Meanwhile the permanent officials of the Ministry are busy ensuring that they

this verbiage actually means, but it is so vague and comprehensive (what do 'suitable' and 'proper' mean in law?) that it means in fact whatever the Ministry's officials say it means.

On the face of it, the purpose of registration is to protect children from those dubious baby-farms which exist to make money from the snobbery or credulity of ignorant or absent parents, but in practice, such is the irony of legislation, it is liable to penalise so well-loved and admired an educational pioneer as A. S. Neill (see "Summerhill in Danger" in

the necessary evil is exposed as unnecessary, the logical answer is made to look silly. Given the prevailing conditions, physical and intellectual, of work inside the official organs of government, this must now be done mainly from the outside."

Two recent examples of the kind of attitude she was criticising come, not surprisingly, from magistrates. In the course of a case at London Sessions, on September 24th, it was revealed that Foyles, the booksellers in Charing Cross Road, rarely prosecute people caught stealing books. Instead they asked them

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HEALTH IN A SANE SOCIETY

(Continued from previous issue)

WHAT part do reforms under capitalism play in the promotion of health? I think they have a definite role in preventing or alleviating the grosser organic diseases against which they are in fact directed. Thus school meals may prevent many cases of malnutrition and the reduction of industrial hazards has reduced occupational diseases and accident rates substantially. The development of "free" national health services has also undoubtedly served to relieve much immediate discomfort of those already ill. But the major contribution to individual health on any large scale must inevitably depend on radical changes in man's social and physical environment. If one accepts the hypothesis that authoritarian societies actually require some widespread form of biological deprivation to ensure their survival then reformist measures must fail. Only a society which does not call for submissive subjects, that is, a non-authoritarian society, can provide the conditions for full health.

John Hewetson's booklet points out in fact how ineffective many reformist measures have proved. The problem has frequently appeared to be one of simple economics yet wage increases have seldom resulted in significant elevation of the standard of living on any large scale owing to concomitant price rises. Some slum clearance schemes have actually caused deterioration in health since the higher rents demanded for the improved housing left even less money for food. Raising school leaving age in the interests of education has resulted in increased economic hardship, particularly for large families. And there are numerous other similar examples.

The reforms usually act as palliatives, and may serve to tide the authorities over difficult periods, later only too often losing much of their effectiveness.

What condemns the capitalist form of authoritarian society in the eyes of other authoritarians, the Marxists, Fascists or other totalitarian subvarieties for example, is not its inhumanity but its economic inefficiency. Physical disease cripples man's activity and social usefulness and sometimes makes him a burden on society. By contrast a physically fit worker is capable of greater efforts, has a lower accident rate and takes less sick leave, on the whole a much sounder proposition. They are relearning the lessons of the poultry farmer.

Sir John Boyd Orr remarked: "In

animal husbandry an optimum standard of nutrition, far from being utopian, is regarded as good practice. Every intelligent stock farmer in rearing animals tries to get a minimum diet for maximum health and fitness". So the principles of stock breeding begin to replace those of subnutrition. Bellies are to be filled. The pale, thin, sickly worker championed by all the early Socialists is to be replaced by the Stakhanovite, full of energy and sometimes even enthusiasm for his work.

This authoritarian dream may be accomplished by two alternative methods of biological control, neither depending on the half-empty belly. The first is a reversion to the old forms of physical restraint, direct violence or the threat of direct violence. We have seen this technique operate in a number of institutions since the days of overt slavery, notably the modern labour camps in Russia or Nazi Germany. It exists in embryo form in every army or in work-hostels such as those developed for African mine-boys or Japanese textile workers. The employers point with pride to the balanced diets and sanitary sleeping quarters with showers, provided at a "reasonable" deduction from wages. The ideal aimed at is apparently the hen-battery. Some of you may be familiar with this invention. I am told that it is the most efficient method of poultry-farming and that all poultry farmers will soon have to adopt it in order to compete economically. It requires a minimum of space and labour and results in the highest egg and flesh output per hen. At the age of six months, when laying starts, each hen is placed into a wire-mesh cell, barely large enough to accommodate it. Rows of these cells, one on top of the other, are kept in a single room. A moving belt passes under each row of cells in order to collect the droppings and deposit them in bins at the end of each row. The cell floors slope so that when each egg is laid it rolls forward into a cup, ready to be collected. Seed and mash are carried on another conveyor belt past each cell while fresh water flows past in a long trough, all within easy reach of the birds. The room is maintained at constant temperature and ultra-violet lamps replace sunshine during summer and winter. The hens simply feed and lay their eggs. The poor layers are soon revealed by their empty cups and are despatched as "young roasters" to the poultry shops. The efficient hens are kept in their cells for one year and then, when their laying rate begins to slow down, are taken out and slaughtered. By this time the next

batch of six-month-olds is ready. I am told that battery hens are fat, contented and lay well. The egg-yolks are usually paler than those of free-range hens but no significant fall-off in quality has yet been demonstrated. But the crowning triumph has only recently been announced. An American has at last succeeded in developing a species of hen which requires no plucking. It is completely featherless. Apart from the fact that it may feel the cold more it is said to be equal to ordinary hens in all other respects. The economic horizons of poultry-farming are indeed extending.

The moral to mankind, obsessed by ideas of economic efficiency, increasing production and reducing costs, should be obvious.

(To be continued)

EXHIBITION

A Subtle Sense of

ZEVE at Arthur Jeffress (Pictures) 28 Davies Street London, W.1.

IN the square mile or so west of Bond Street, where there are so many picture shops with names like The So-and-So Gallery (or Collection or Society) or Someone-or-other *et frere*, the name of Arthur Jeffress (Pictures) is outstanding for its honesty; and there is something pleasantly useful, too, about the kind of work this dealer has offered for sale recently. There is too much "Gallery Painting" done these days. Too many artists, including some very talented ones, work with no particular purpose in mind, beyond a vague idea that their stuff might be bought for some public or private museum and *admired* by people who have gone specially to see it. The Jeffress artists, on the other hand, seem to want their work to be used in decorating homes and pubs and workplaces, where people can live with it and enjoy it.

Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean the pictures and sculptures sold by Jeffress are bad or corny or slushy like the junk which decorates a lot of homes and pubs. They are all up to the standard of at least the average gallery paintings, and they are of many styles and subjects; but they have also a decorative quality, a bright liveliness that makes them worthy of house-space and not just collection-space.

The current exhibition at Jeffress's gallery (until October 25) is a one-man show of "Paintings, Etchings and Sculp-

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